

(c) Subsection (c) of the first section of such joint resolution, as amended (2 U. S. C., sec. 112a (c)), is amended by striking out “, officer, or committee”.

69 Stat. 13.

(d) Subsection (d) of the first section of such joint resolution, as amended (2 U. S. C., sec. 112a (d)), is amended by striking out “, officer, or committee”.

SEC. 2. Such joint resolution approved March 25, 1953, is further amended by renumbering sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 as sections 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively, and by inserting immediately after the first section thereof the following new sections:

“SEC. 2. In addition to the electric typewriters which may be furnished under the first section of this joint resolution, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, upon request of any Member, shall furnish for use in the office of such Member not to exceed two electric typewriters.

Additional typewriters.

“SEC. 3. The cost of electrical or mechanical office equipment furnished under this joint resolution shall be paid from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives.”

Payment.

Approved February 25, 1956.

Public Law 421

CHAPTER 73

AN ACT

To provide for a prorated stationery allowance in the case of a Member of the House of Representatives elected for a portion of a term.

February 27, 1956
[H. R. 8787]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the case of any Member of the House of Representatives, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner who is elected for a portion of a term, the amount of stationery allowance which such Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner shall be paid shall be an amount, with respect to the year in which he commences his service, which is the same percentage of the total stationery allowance payable for service for all of such year as the number of months of his service in such year (counting the month in which he is elected as one month) is of the total number of months in such year. Such prorated stationery allowance shall be paid from the contingent fund of the House into the revolving fund for stationery allowances established in the eighth paragraph under the heading “Contingent Expenses of the House” under the general heading “House of Representatives” in the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1948.

House of Representatives.
Stationery allowance.

Approved February 27, 1956.

61 Stat. 366.

Public Law 422

CHAPTER 74

AN ACT

To increase the amount of telephone and telegraph service furnished to Members of the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

February 27, 1956
[H. R. 8796]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That clause (2) of the first section of the Act entitled “An Act relating to telephone and telegraph service and clerk hire for the House of Representatives”, approved June 23, 1949, as amended (2 U. S. C., sec. 46f), is amended to read as follows:

House of Representatives.
Telephone and telegraph service.

“(2) charges on strictly official telegrams, cablegrams, and radiograms sent by or on behalf of the Member.”

63 Stat. 264.

67 Stat. 5.

SEC. 2. (a) Clause (1) of section 2 of such Act of June 23, 1949, as amended (2 U. S. C., sec. 46g), is amended by striking out "1,800" both times it appears therein and inserting in lieu thereof "3,000".

68 Stat. 402.

(b) The eighth paragraph under the subheading "Contingent Expenses of the House" under the heading "House of Representatives" in the Legislative Appropriation Act, 1955, is amended by striking out " : *Provided*, That effective July 1, 1954, the number of minutes of official long-distance telephone calls allowed each Member shall not exceed 2,700 per annum".

(c) Clause (2) of section 2 of such Act of June 23, 1949, is amended to read as follows:

"(2) charges on strictly official telegrams, cablegrams, and radiograms sent by or on behalf of the Member aggregating during the year not more than 20,000 words of which not more than 2,000 may be in telegrams, cablegrams, and radiograms sent to or from a point outside the United States, or its Territories or possessions except that if a Member is elected for a portion of a term the aggregate number of words with respect to which charges may be paid under the first section shall be reduced, with respect to the year in which he commences his service, to a number which is the same percentage of 20,000 as the number of days of his service in such year is of the total number of days in such year."

Effective date.

SEC. 3. The amendments made by this Act shall take effect as of noon on January 3, 1956.

Approved February 27, 1956.

Public Law 423

CHAPTER 75

March 1, 1956
[S. 926]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate, and maintain the Ventura River reclamation project, California.

Ventura River
project, Calif.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of supplying water for the irrigation of lands in Ventura County, California, and for municipal, domestic, and industrial use therein, and for other incidental beneficial purposes, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to construct, operate, and maintain the Ventura River reclamation project comprising, as its principal works, Casitas Dam and Reservoir on Coyote Creek, Robles diversion dam on Ventura River, a canal to carry water from the Robles diversion dam to Casitas Reservoir, and other conduits and related facilities to deliver water to the lands and area to be served by the project.

Construction,
etc.

43 USC 371 note.

SEC. 2. (a) In constructing, operating, and maintaining the Ventura River project, the Secretary shall be governed by the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto) except as is otherwise provided in this Act.

Allocation of
costs.

(b) In furnishing water for irrigation and for municipal, domestic, and industrial uses from the Ventura River project the Secretary shall charge rates with the object of returning to the United States during a fifty-year payment period (including any development period) all of the costs incurred by it in constructing, operating, and maintaining the project which the Secretary finds to be properly allocable to the purposes aforesaid and of interest, as hereinafter provided, on the portion of the construction cost which is allocated to municipal, domestic, and industrial water.